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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJECT: MOTOR TRUCKTRAFFIC RECIPROCITY.

REF : STATE 046107; MONTREAL 0328

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THIS PARTICULAR CASE (SEE REFTELS) AND GENERAL SUBJECT OF STATE-PROVINCIAL CONTACTS AND AGREEMENTS, EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPT'S EXPERIENCE THIS MATTER AND ITS APPROACH AND SENSITIVITY TO THIS AREA OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING ITS WELCOME SUPPORT FOR CURRENT STUDY UNDERWAY BY SWANSON ET AL TO INVENTORY ALL SUCH SUB-FEDERAL CROSS-BORDER ARRANGEMENTS.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ADD ITS OWN MOST RECENT APPRAISAL, PARTICULARLY REGARDING TRUCK TRAFFIC RECIPROCITY. IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN TCO AND QUEBEC MOTOR VEHICLES OFFICIALS SOME MONTHS AGO THEY DESCRIBED PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH US STATES AS INFORMAL UNDERSTANDINGS AND INDICATED THAT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK ITS NEW LEGISLATION, QUEBEC WOULD REQUIRE MORE FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER PROVINCES AND VARIOUS US STATES. THUS, EXEMPTIONS FROM ROAD TAXES FOR FOREIGN VEHICLES WOULD HAVE STRONGER POSITION IN LAW.

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3. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT TRUCKING IN CANADA IS

REGULATED AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL, ALTHOUGH CONSTITUTIONALLY IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A FEDERAL QUESTION. AFTER COURT DECISION TO THIS EFFECT SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO, PARLIAMENT DELEGATED ITS AUTHORITY TO THE PROVINCES WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY RELUCTANT TO GIVE IT UP. PART III OF 1967 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION ACT PROVIDED FOR EXERCISE BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF JURISDICTION IN THIS AREA, BUT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE IMPEDED BRINGING THAT PART INTO FORCE. THERE IS AN ACTIVE INTEREST AT PRESENT ON PART OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION IN ASSUMING FULL FEDERAL JURISDICTION AT LEAST FOR INTERPROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRUCKING. PROVINCIAL OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO PREVENT THIS AND FEDERAL EFFORT AT THE MOMENT IS CONFINED TO ATTEMPTING INDUCE UNIFORMITY IN PROVINCIAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT INTERPROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENTS. THIS WORK IS GOING ON QUIETLY WITHOUT UNDUE PUBLIC ATTENTION. QUEBEC IS CONSIDERED A MAIN OBSTACLE TO SECURING UNIFORMITY, BUT ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA ALSO HAVE STRONG VIEWS.

4. SO FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE ONLY QUEBEC AT PRESENT TIME IS SEEKING, AS MATTER OF POLICY, NEGOTIATION OF FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH US STATES. QUEBEC ACTIONS, ACCORDINGLY, MAY FORCE CONFRONTATION WITH OTTAWA WHICH IN TURN MAY RAISE PROBLEM WITH US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT SOME POINT.

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